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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. SPEAKER : Now, I shall take up the questions to be answered by the Hon. Finance Minister.

Transfer to Kerala of the golden sword of the Payassi Raja

* 180 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have removed to the Madras Museum this year the golden sword recovered from North Malabar and belonging to the family of Payassi Raja according to legend;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to return the sword to the Kerala State to be formed; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to return all important objects in the Madras Museum which have historical significance with reference to Malabar to the Kerala State to be formed under the reorganization scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Member apparently refers to the three gold sword hilts which were found in Kavilumpara amsam in Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar district, and which were notified as treasure trove by the Collector of Malabar. The treasure trove has not been removed to the Government Museum, Madras. It is still in the district of Malabar.

(*c*) No, Sir. It is reported that the number of objects of historical interest from Malabar district in this Museum is very very small and negligible.

Representation for Non-Gazetted Officers in the Legislative Council

* 181 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from the Madras State Non-Gazetted Officers' Association after their annual conference held at Madras in May 1956 requesting the Government to take necessary steps to give them representation in the Legislative Council and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A resolution requesting representation for Non-Gazetted Officers in the State Legislature as well as in Lok Sabha was received by Government along with other resolutions passed at the 34th State Conference of the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association held at Madras in May 1956. After examining the request, the Association was informed that the Government considered it neither necessary nor desirable to give any representation to the Non-Gazetted Officers in the Legislature.

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SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : In view of the fact that non-gazetted officers are not entitled to approach Members of the Legislature and Members of the Parliament so that their grievances may be represented on the floor of the House, will the Government consider the question of giving them representation in the Legislative Council as teachers have been given representation in the Council?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Once a non-gazetted officer becomes an M.L.A., he will have to resign his job, and so he will be in the same position as a Member of the Legislative Assembly is now. If the present rules prevent non-gazetted officers from seeking redressal of grievances through Members of the Legislature, the same rules will apply to non-gazetted officers who become Members of the Legislative Assembly or Members of the Legislative Council because they cease to be non-gazetted officers once they are elected to the Assembly or the Council.

MR. SPEAKER : I think this involves amendment of the Constitution because according to Article 102 a non-gazetted officer will be holding an office of profit. There is also the relevant article in the Constitution regarding the composition of the Legislative Council and this will also have to be altered.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : May I know whether the Government Non-Gazetted Officers' Association is treated on a par with other Unions in the State and whether the representation asked for by the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association contravenes the provisions of the existing Government Servants' Conduct Rules?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Everybody is entitled to make a request and making a request certainly does not contravene any of the present rules. The question as pointed out by the Hon. Speaker is whether non-gazetted officers as such are entitled to become Members of the Assembly or the Council. That will be impossible under the present Constitution and once they resign and seek election, they are on a par with the other Members of the Assembly or the Council.

Postponement of receipt of pay by non-gazetted officers

* 182 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Non-Gazetted Officers' Association has given notice to Government of their intention to defer receipt of pay by one day in July 1956; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken or threatened any action against the Association or its office bearers?